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No Madness Behind Their Methods

In the superhero biz, it isn't enough to battle villainy—the way you go about it is also pretty important. Fans will discover just how important a superhero's methods can be in a pair of miniseries debuting from Marvel this March.

In ***Venom: The Mace,*** Eddie Brock is forced to reconsider his methods when he becomes aware that the innocents he protects aren't always as innocent as they seem. The discovery makes Brock re-evaluate his role in the Marvel Universe. He doesn't have too much time for introspection, though... not when Mace shows up. Mace is a techno-ninja whose outlook and attitude are guaranteed to conflict with Venom's—and that conflict is going to be much more physical than philosophical. ***Venom: The Mace #1,*** written by Carl Potts and illustrated by Liam Sharp, is scheduled for March 24th release. And don't think Mace is a one-shot character: after this series is completed, he'll appear in a four-part serial in ***Marvel Comics Presents*** this summer.

Venom's old nemesis and ally Spider-Man also has to deal with the question of methods when he meets with X-Factor in ***Spider-Man/X-Factor: Shadowgames,*** a new three-issue limited series by Kurt Busiek, Pat Broderick, and Bruce Patterson. The target: a renegade group of government-created superhumans. Sounds like an easy enough mission for a team with the sort of superhero-clout that Spidey and X-Factor can muster... but the friction between the mutants and the web-slinger soon jeopardizes the success of their mission. Once again, the dispute is more than philosophical, at least for Spidey—because Flash Thompson's life is in danger if they fail in their mission! ***Spider-Man/X-Factor: Shadowgames #1,*** a $1.95 comic, is scheduled for March 31st release.

by Wayne Lee

So Who's Responsible For the Damage?...

Damage, the upcoming DC title slated for March release, is already generating a buzz among fans who are trying to figure out just who the character's parents are. When DC announced the series, which chronicles the adventures of a sixteen-year-old who discovers that he has incredible powers with no idea of how he gained these abilities, they threw in a few enigmatic clues indicating that the people he thinks of as his parents may not be his true parents at all... and, even more intriguingly, his real parents just may be among the greatest heroes in the DC Universe!

So who *are* the parents? No one at DC is breaking the silence on this one right now, but fans can be sure that early issues of the series will feature clues as to who the parents are. In the meantime, fans will have to keep on guessing!

Damage #1, a $1.75 comic written by Tom Joyner and illustrated by Bill Marimon and Tom McWeeney, is scheduled for March 10th release.

by Cliff Biggers

Tomorrow Comes Early For Extreme Studios

CSN constantly keeps its readers updated about what might be coming up in their favorite comics in the next few months... but Extreme Studios is offering fans a glimpse much further into the future in May, when they'll release the twenty-fifth issues of ***Bloodstrike, Brigade,*** and ***Supreme!***

"We [at Image] are big fans of future books," Extreme editor Eric Stephenson explained. "No speculation is involved here—this is precisely where these books will be at this point in the future, all the way down to the letters pages and the advertisements. We're very excited about what we're doing and have been planning this for quite some time now. In fact, clues were planted in both ***Youngblood #0*** and in ***Supreme #7*** that initiated this story, which unfolds in late '95."

Short of inventing your own time machine, this unique "Images of Tomorrow" project offers fans the best way of taking a tantalizing glimpse at the future of these three books. Rob Liefeld, Eric Stephenson, Marat Mychaels, Brian Murray, and Richard Horie have some intriguing changes in store in this trio of twenty-fifth issues, including Battlestone acting as Youngblood's leader, Chapel transformed into a Hellspawn, and an evil Supreme.

Brigade #25 will pit the Youngblood team (led, as we've already mentioned, by Battlestone) against Brigade—the team that Battlestone once was a member of. ***Bloodstrike #25*** will introduce the new Bloodstrike line-up, guest-starring Photon and Combat... and Chapel returns from his miniseries (which we won't even get to see until mid-'95!). Supreme, meanwhile, will join forces with the Starguard in ***Supreme #25*** to confront Supreme's deadliest enemy... himself!

After the three #25's are released, the books will resume their regular numbering, picking up where the subsequent issues left off. When each title reaches its twenty-fourth issue, it will then jump ahead to #26—so those of you who insist on reading your books in absolute order can just put the trio of twenty-fives on hold for a year and a half or so!

by Cliff Biggers

Jump On Now—While You Still Can!

Here's a bargain you'd better jump on quickly, because it won't be around for long! Malibu is producing a very limited quantity of a special book called ***Ultraverse Origins***; this comic, affordably priced at 99¢, will collect all the short origins from the back of the various Ultraverse comics. These origins are written by *Mike W. Barr, Steve Englehart, Steve Gerber, James Hudnall, Gerard Jones, Tom Mason, James Robinson,* and *Len Strazewski;* they feature artwork by *Terry Austin, Jon Bogdanove, Norm Breyfogle, Howard Chaykin, Dan Jurgens, Karl Kesel, Kevin Maguire, Art Nichols, George Perez, Walt Simonson, Chris Sprouse, Barry Windsor-Smith,* and *Mike Zeck. Joe Quesada* supplies the cover for this book, which will be promoted as part of a national television promotion for the Ultraverse line. "We want to make it easy for new readers to feel comfortable with our characters and stories and encourage them to join the growing legion of loyal Ultraverse fans," Malibu's *Alan Payne* said. ***Ultraverse Origins #1*** should be on the comic shop racks by the time you read this issue of ***CSN.***

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Is There Any Future For the Future Force?...

Is Rai destined to be the first Valiant hero to die *twice*? The original Rai was a casualty of the landmark Unity storyline—and now it appears that his replacement, the new Rai, may meet the same fate! "The Last Day," a two-part storyline beginning in ***Magnus, Robot Fighter #37*** (by *Tony Bedard, Jim Calafiore,* and *Gonzalo Mayo*) and concluding in ***Rai and the Future Force #22*** (by *Tony Bedard* and *Dave Ross*) climaxes in an epic battle between Magnus and Rai "that only one will survive," according to Valiant. This storyline also guest-stars the Starwatchers, who are slated to graduate to their own ongoing series later in '94.

"The Last Day" presents the final assault on the Malev Emperor; the heroes are taken by surprise, however, when the Emperor mindlocks Rai, turning him into a worthy adversary for Magnus, the Starwatchers, and the Future Force. And remember: in the Valiant Universe, dead means dead! ***Magnus, Robot Fighter #37*** and ***Rai and the Future Force #22*** are both slated for March release.

Extreme Studios Promises Doom For Its Fans

Doom's IV, the delayed Image title originally slated for summer '93 release, is back on the Image schedule again, courtesy of *Marc Pacella* and *Danny Miki.* The series stars four heroes—Grimm, Slyder, Burn, and Brick—who form an unlikely team standing in the way of the incredibly powerful Doom Corp., a merciless group determined to bring armageddon to Earth. ***Doom's IV #1,*** a $1.95 comic, is scheduled for May release.

A Halo For Halo?...

The Outsiders come to Gotham City looking for their old teammate, Batman ... but what they find instead is death. ***Outsiders #7*** pits the superteam against Technocrat's wife, who has a score to settle with her husband; she sends an army of updated techno-suits against him and his teammates ... and the first casualty is Halo. Batman makes a cameo appearance in this issue, leading into a major Batman team-up in ***Outsiders #8***. *Mike W. Barr* and *Bart Pelletier* present the grim details on March 31st, with the crossover following on April 28th.

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Usagi meets up with an old enemy and a wandering priest while on a quest to find **The Music of Heaven.**

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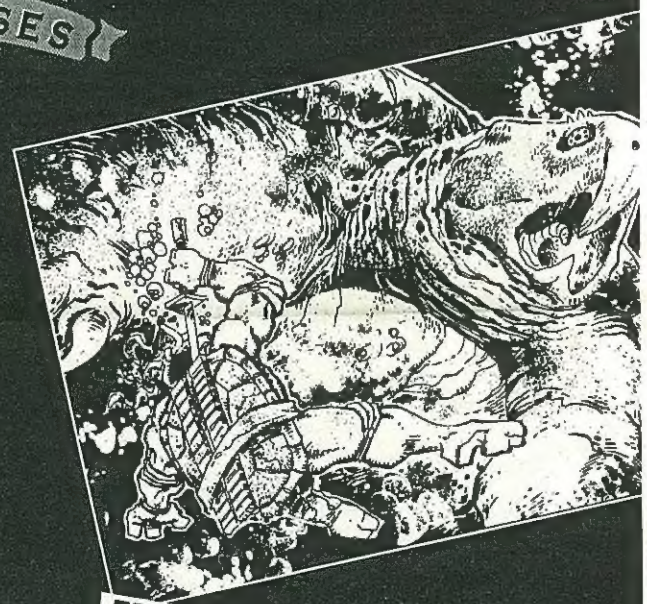

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA
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In the first part of a two-issue story arc, Leo discovers a large subterranean lake while exploring deep in the sewers, and is forced into a sensational fight for survival against a pair of fishy foes. Meanwhile, Don catches a man spying on the farm. and the Baxter Stockman robot methodically continues to make his way to a secret destination.

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It's Ranma 1/2 Past The Hour...

Ranma 1/2 has quickly become Viz Comics' biggest hit, having conquered the world of comics and video. This March, all of you Ranma-fans will be able to tell if it's Ranma time by looking at your wrist, because Viz is offering an all-new ***Ranma 1/2 Watch*** featuring an original design by *Rumiko Takahashi*. The watch itself is a high-quality, shock- and water-resistant timepiece with a three-year warranty. ***The Ranma 1/2 Watch***, priced at $49.95, will be manufactured to order, so be sure to let the friendly folks at your local comics shop know if you're interested ... and tell 'em you heard about in ***CSN***.

While you're at it, you also might want to reserve a copy of ***Ranma 1/2 Part Four Video,*** a fifty-minute dubbed videotape that introduces a new member of Ranma's supporting cast: Ryoga Hibiki, the master of misdirection who comes to Furinkan High School to settle an old score with Ranma. The videotape, a March 10th release, is priced at $34.95.

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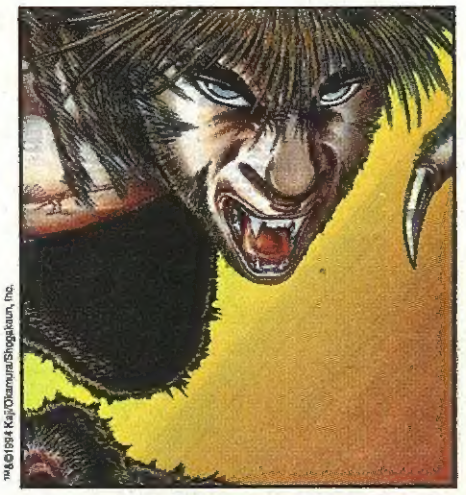
A Forum For New Comics Entertainment?...

The addition of a new comic publisher isn't very newsworthy in a field that grows by an average of ten publishers a month. When that new comics publisher is already established as one of the Top Twenty magazine publishers in the world, however, that is newsworthy. And that's just what's happening in March, when Penthouse Press (best known for the most successful men's magazine currently on the stands) debuts its new line of ***Penthouse Comix.*** Penthouse isn't starting off with unknown talent; instead, they've enticed some of the best-known new talents in the industry, including *Mark Beachum, Adam Hughes, Kevin Nowlan, Luis Royo,* and *Arthur Suydam.*

Penthouse Comix #1 will feature superhero adventure with a Penthouse twist; features in the debut issue include Bethlehem Steele, designed for pleasure and trained for battle; Young Captain Adventure, a third-generation hero who must prove himself in battle; Dr. Dare, a woman who discovers a serum that transforms her into a superhero, and more. Many of the storylines are written by Penthouse Comix Editor-in-Chief *George Caragonne,* who was one of the original writers for Valiant Comics and will serve as the editor and writer of the upcoming ***THUNDER Agents*** series. ***Penthouse Comix #1,*** a 96-page collection of superhero adventures with an adult approach, is priced at $4.95; look for it in March.

Hungry Like the Wolf

Herbivorous werewolves? You'll find them in the pages of *Kengo Kaji* and *Kenji Okamura*'s ***Lycanthrope Leo*** ... along with the more common carnivorous variety, of course. This new manga series, which is set in modern-day Japan, tells the story of a secret race of lycanthropes who coexist within humanity. There are some who know about them, however: the Hunters, who fear and hate the werewolves. There are also problems within the ranks, for the carnivorous and herbivorous lycanthropes continually argue with one another. ***Lycanthrope Leo*** is less the story of the whole race, though, than it is the story of a teenager, Leo Takizawa, who gradually becomes aware of his own lycanthropic heritage. "***Lycanthrope Leo*** is unique in that it relies on its half-man, half-beast lycanthropes for its fantasy, not the usual sword-and-sorcery stuff," series translator *Toshifumi Yashida* said. ***Lycanthrope Leo #1***, a $2.95 comic, is scheduled for March 3rd release.



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THE BLOOD OF HEROES...
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BE ON HAND FOR THE BIRTH OF A NEW LEGEND
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SPIDER-MAN #45

SAVAGE SPIDER!

FOLLOWING THE EPIC EVENTS OF AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #388, THE 4-PART "PURSUIT" CROSSOVER BEGINS AS SPIDEY HUNTS FOR THE VILLAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS PARENTS' TRAGIC FATE. STARE IN SHOCK AS SPIDEY RESORTS TO MORE BRUTAL, BARBARIC METHODS THAN EVER BEFORE IN ORDER TO GET REVENGE! BY HOWARD MACKIE, TOM LYLE, AND SCOTT HANNA.

REN & STIMPY: POWDERED TOAST MAN

A NON-CERIALIZED ADVENTURE

JOIN POWDERED TOAST MAN IN HIS FIRST FULL-LENGTH ADVENTURE AS HE TAKES ON THE MOST TERRIFIC TERRORS THAT THE BREAKFAST TABLE HAS TO OFFER! BY DAN SLOTT AND TY TEMPLETON. 48 GLOSSY STOCK PAGES.

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WOLVERINE: WEAPON X TRADE PAPERBACK

ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO STILL HAVEN'T READ THIS INCREDIBLE STORY ORIGINALLY PRINTED IN THE HARD-TO-FIND MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #72-84, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO READ THE REAL DEAL! GET ALL THE GORY (AND WE DO MEAN GORY!) DETAILS ABOUT HOW WOLVERINE GOT HIS ADAMANTIUM SKELETON IN THE FABULOUS 128-PAGE SOFT-COVER BY THE INIMITABLE BARRY WINDSOR-SMITH.

WHAT IF #60

NON-WEDDING WEIRDNESS

FEATURING THREE POSSIBLE PASTS INVOLVING JEAN AND CYCLOPS: "WHAT IF JEAN AND SCOTT MARRIED EARLIER?", "WHAT IF SCOTT AND JEAN HAD NEVER FALLEN IN LOVE AT ALL?" AND "WHAT IF PHOENIX HAD FALLEN FOR WOLVERINE?". THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ALMOST ENDLESS THANKS TO KURT BUSIEK, RON RANDALL, AND ART NICHOLS.

PUNISHER IN NAM: FINAL INVASION

THE WAR THAT CREATED THE WARRIOR

FRANK CASTLE MAKES HIS FINAL TRIP TO THE KILLING FIELDS TO BATTLE AN EVIL VIVISECTIONIST WHO IS EXPERIMENTING ON HUMAN TISSUE. AND BEFORE THIS STORY IS OVER, FRANK WILL TAKE ON COLONEL-NO-NAME AND MAKE HIS FIRST DRUG BUST IN THE HEART OF SOUTHEAST ASIA! AN 80-PAGE BOOKSHELF BY DON LOMAX AND ALBERTO SAICHANN WITH PAGE BREAK ART AND COVER BY THE LEGENDARY JOE KUBERT.

DOCTOR STRANGE #64

TO SOLVE A MYSTICAL MYSTERY

The senses-shattering "Strangers Among Us" storyline begins here! What happened to Dr. Strange? Who is Dr. Stevens? Who is "Strange"? What will become of the new Sorceress Supreme? All these questions and more will be answered in this fantastic four-parter by David Quinn, Melvin Rubi, and Fred Harper.

WARLOCK & THE INFINITY WATCH #27

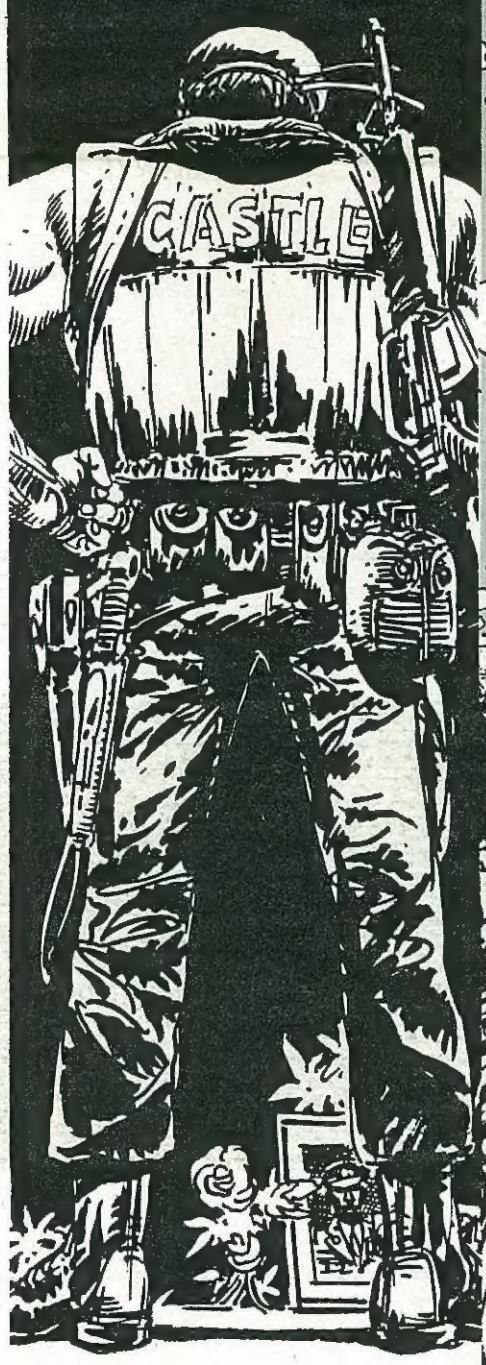
A MOST COSTLY FREE-FOR-ALL

SENATOR MUNSON HAS SENT THE AVENGERS TO BATTLE THE INFINITY WATCH IN THE HOPES THAT WARLOCK WILL BE KILLED. OR, BETTER YET, THAT THE WATCH WILL KILL AN AVENGER IN BATTLE AND BE BRANDED AS MURDERERS! A BRUTAL BATTLE BY JIM STARLIN, TOM GRINDBERG, AND BOB ALMOND.

SILVER SURFER #91

THE PRINCESS OF ZENN-LA

The Silver Surfer travels to Zenn-La's perilous past via virtual reality to search for his lost love, Shalla Bal. Will he be able to save Shalla Bal while saving himself from Avatar? Ron Marz, Ron Lim, and Tom Christopher offer the answer.



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FEBRUARY HOT PICKS!

by cliff biggers

"Light month" is a relative term; in most collectible fields, 575+ releases would be considered pretty heavy... but in the comics market, that's a step down from the 650-800 comics per month that fans have had to deal with for most of the last year. Even so, 575 books is a comucopia o' comics, so we're on hand once again to help whittle down the list a bit. Here are the top two dozen books for February, the true must-have Hot Picks...

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 388

(Marvel, $3.95/$2.25)

The long-running storyline involving Peter Parker's parents reaches a dramatic climax in this extra-length story by Dave Michelinie (his final Spidey script, in fact) and Mark Bagley. After the unexpected twist at the end of ***Amazing Spider-Man #387***, a lot of fans are going to be quite eager indeed to find out just what's in store for Peter and his parents. This issue will have a major effect on upcoming storylines in all the Spidey books, so don't miss out. Marvel is offering this issue in an enhanced and a non-enhanced version.

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT 25

(DC, $1.50)

Azrael-Batman's costume modification premieres here (well, it actually premiered on the cover of ***CSN*** a few weeks ago, but who's counting?). The new-costume angle, combined with the dramatic events in Bruce Wayne's life in our next Hot Pick, should help heat up Batman again... (And with a winter like this one, we'll take our heat wherever we can find it!)

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT 59

(DC, $1.75)

"Quarry," the three-part finale to the Knightquest: The Search story arc, begins here as Bruce Wayne tracks down the kidnappers of Shondra Kinsolving and Tim Drake's father. The man responsible is Benjamin Asp, a Batman-class villain with plans that could spell global disaster. Knightfall catapulted Batman to the top of the sales charts last year; while this series won't duplicate that earlier phenomenon, it will attract the attention of a goodly portion of those fans who are eager to see Bruce Wayne back in the bat-suit again... not that this story will climax in that change, of course...

CADILLACS & DINOSAURS 1

(Topps, $2.95/$2.50)

Mark Schultz's comic turned cartoon last fall; this month, it becomes a comic again, inspired by that animated series. Roy Thomas and Dick Giordano present the story of Jack, Hannah, and crew in a series of original adventures; since Mark Schultz's stunning ***Xenozoic Tales*** is (alas) all too long between installments, this will help fill the gap... and for those fans who've enjoyed the cartoons, this comic will offer them their first comic-book glimpse at the Xenozoic world. (Available in deluxe and standard-format editions.)

CATALYST: AGENTS OF CHANGE 1

(Dark Horse, $2)

They were the wunderkind of Golden City—and now they're heading up the wonderland's efforts to secede from the Union, even if it means that they have to do battle with the US Army. ***Catalyst: Agents of Change*** was one of the most popular books from the ***Comics' Greatest World*** storylines (and you'll find another equally popular book at the end of this Hot Picks list), so you know there'll be a lot of fans eager to see this premiere.

DANGER UNLIMITED 1

(Dark Horse/Legend, $2.50)

John Byrne offers his take on superhero teams with a dramatic series that harkens back to the glory days of the Challengers of the Unknown and the Fantastic Four. This series takes classic silver-age style adventure heroes and thrusts them into a future where their arch-enemy has made himself the Main Man. The result is the sort of high-impact superhero adventure with a retro edge that Byrne does so well.

FANTASTIC FOUR 387

(Marvel, $2.95/$1.25)

If you thought the death of Reed Richards was the biggest event to hit the pages of the World's Greatest Comic Magazine, think again: this is a storyline that Tom DeFalco and Paul Ryan promise will irrevocably change the team. Marvel is offering the first installment of the "Nobody Gets Out Alive" storyline in both enhanced and non-enhanced versions.

GEN 13 1

(Image, $1.95)

These teenagers thought their lives were difficult before... then the US government targeted them for elimination because of the deadly menace they pose to US security. Now if only they knew what it was that made them so dangerous!... ***Gen 13***, which was originally announced under the name ***Gen X*** last fall, is a new Jim Lee co-creation written by Brandon Choi and illustrated by Jeff Scott and Alex Garner. Gee, I wonder if comic fans just *might* be interested in teen superhero team books?... Could be!...

GOLDENROD 0

(Reoccurring Images, $2.95)

It's a zero issue that'll lead into two different series. Elliot S! Maggin is the mastermind behind this hero who's actually the love child of a fugitive from the Polaris star system. He has great powers, a nifty costume... and a personality that's perpetually adolescent. This series will lead into one book chronicling Goldenrod's continuing exploits and a second book looking at his earlier life.

GREEN LANTERN 50

(DC, $2.95)

GREEN LANTERN 51

(DC, $1.50)

First off, Hal Jordan's actions make it clear that Earth needs a new Green Lantern in this stunning climax to **Emerald Twilight** (delayed from last month). Then, readers get to meet that new Green Lantern in the person of Kyle Rayner, freelance artist turned world-saver. Now, if only someone had given him instructions on how to use the ring... and a warning that Mongul really hates that Emerald costume... A lot of fans with memories sufficiently long to recall the phenomenal demand for major-change storylines affecting Superman, Batman, and Daredevil will want to latch onto both of these books...

GRENDEL TALES: DEVIL'S HAMMER 1

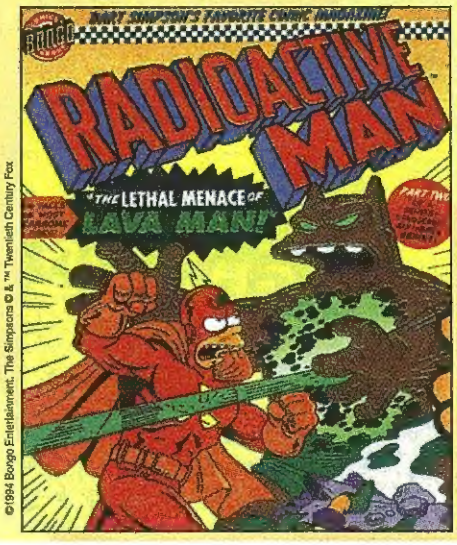
(Dark Horse, $2.95)

The new storyline by Rob Walton, Bernie Mireault, and Kathryn Delaney is an animation-style painted adventure focusing on Petrus Christus, the lone survivor of an attack by a band of marauding, murderous Grendels. It's the backup feature that'll make this a must-have book for every Grendel fan, though: Matt Wagner is writing and painting a new Grendel-Prime storyline that'll appear in four-page installments in the back of each issue of this three-issue miniseries.

JURASSIC PARK: RAPTORS ATTACK 1

(Topps, $2.50)

The march of the velociraptors brings them all the way to the edge of civilization... and under the control of a dangerous drug lord who thinks he can control the vicious creatures. With ***Jurassic Park***'s film success, there'll be an incredibly large audience for this series—after all, it's the *only* authorized continuation of the ***Jurassic Park*** storyline in any medium!



MISTS OF AVALON 1

(Eclipse, $5.95)

Marion Zimmer Bradley's best-selling Arthurian novel becomes a comic book miniseries thanks to Sarah Byam, Steve Parkhouse, and D'Israeli. The lavish fantasy storyline, the bestseller tie-in, the painted art, and the high-quality prestige format will make this one a welcome arrival as far as fantasy fans are concerned... and when you think about it, there really *is* a surprising shortage of classic fantasy in the comics field right now..

PACT 1

(Image, $1.95)

Jim Valentino's new superteam debuts in this three-issue limited series that also introduces new artist Walter McDaniel. They're a quartet of heroes who became disgusted with The Center, the secret organization for whom they previously worked... but The Center has no room for retirees from its program. This is Valentino's first superteam book for Image, so a lot of his ShadowHawk fans will be on hand for the premiere.

POWER & GLORY 1

(Bravura, $2.50)

Howard Chaykin revises the superhero genre with this intriguing contrast of "image" and "substance." The hero has the looks, the costume, the image... now, if only he had the strength of character for the job! This premiere issue will also contain more Bravura Gold Stamps that can be redeemed for a series of premiere issues, special books, and more.

PROMISE 1

(Viz, $5.95)

Viz has met with amazing success with its human-interest manga like ***Maison Ikkoku*** and its personality-driven light fantasy titles like ***Ranma 1/2.*** Now they go even further and offer a manga one-shot that features stories with no superheroics, no science fiction, no robots, no monsters... just people dealing with the same problems with which life frustrates all of us from time to time. Look for this one to be very, *very* underordered...

RADIOACTIVE MAN 88 (2)

(Bongo, $1.95)

Who'da thunk that Bongo's line of Simpsons-related comics would turn out to be one of the biggest success stories of the last half of '93? ***Radioactive Man*** is likely to be the hardest to find of all the Simpsons books because of its more peripheral relationship to the Simpsons universe—but its comic-book roots are going to make it very popular with fans. The second issue carries a #88 on the cover, because it takes readers forward about a decade so that they can find out what Radioactive Man was like at the dawning of the Silver Age.

SIN CITY: A DAME TO KILL FOR 3

(Dark Horse, $2.95)

This is the only Frank Miller book on the stands this month, which means that his rabid fans are going to have to ration this one out to hold them over until March, when there are two Miller books again. *sigh* At least February is a short month... In the meantime, Sin City's hard-hitting storyline continues as Miller establishes *noir* as a major comics sub-genre.

SOLAR, MAN OF THE ATOM 33

(Valiant, $2.25)

"Solar the Destroyer," a three-issue storyline beginning in this issue, is presented in glorious 3-D Valiant Vision. The storyline is good enough in two-dee... but that third dimension makes for an irresistible combination. And for those of you who might have missed out the first time, don't fret: Valiant is making the ***Valiant Vision Starter Kit*** available again for those of you who didn't listen to us the first time.

SWAMP THING 141

(Vertigo/DC, $1.95)

What's going on with Swamp Thing? Heck, we don't know... but we can guarantee you that Mark Millar and Grant Morrison are going to make it worth our while to hang around to find out. This storyline is shaking up everything that fans thought they knew about Swamp Thing... in fact, it's shaking up everything that Alec Holland thought he knew about Swamp Thing! Morrison can still generate the same sort of excitement he did with his work on ***Animal Man*** and ***Doom Patrol.***

WAR DANCER 1

(Defiant, $2.50)

Alan Weiss returns to comics after far too long an absence to co-create ***War Dancer,*** Defiant's Native American hero with a cosmic edge. This exciting new series will also offer intriguing glimpses into the origin of the Defiant Universe, paving the way for Defiant's first big crossover storyline later this year. If you need another reason to add this one to your must-have list, how about this: the Warriors of Plasm make a cameo appearance.

WAR MACHINE 1

(Marvel, $2.95/$2)

If there's anyone who can "steel" the glory away from Iron Man, it's War Machine. Rhodey has already proven he has what it takes to be an armored hero; now he ventures off on his own to prove that there's more to armored heroics that living in Tony Stark's shadow. The first issue of War Machine is available in enhanced and non-enhanced editions... and for those of you who are completists, there's also a 75¢ ashcan edition that you might want to ask the folks at your local comics shop about...

X 1

(Dark Horse, $2.00)

Here's that other ***Comics' Greatest World*** book we referred to earlier in this list... Steven Grant, Doug Mahnke, and Jimmy Palmiotti handle the creative honors for the exploits of Arcadia's most deadly assassin. Hey, he may be a killer, but he doesn't target innocent victims... even if the bodies on the street seem to indicate otherwise. ***X*** was the Comics' Greatest World hero that fans seemed most eager to see again, so here he is!...

OVERLOOKED SIZZLER!

Ready to make a trip to Oblivion City? Unfortunately, all too few of you visited this offbeat city when Andy Garcia first took us all there... but you get a second chance this month, and at bargain rates (sorry, no frequent flyer miles here...). ***Seth Throb, Underground Artist 1*** focuses on the life of Oblivion City's underground cartoonist, whose life isn't going too well at all. It's a personal, quirky, offbeat book—just what Oblivion City readers would expect—that should appeal to readers of ***Love & Rockets*** and ***Strangers In Paradise.*** *(Slave Labor, $2.95)*

SECOND CHANCE

Batman: Collected Legends of the Dark Knight TPB *(DC, $12.95)* - Reprinting a variety of one-shot adventures and short story arcs from the pages of ***Legends of the Dark Knight.***

Crow HC *(Graphitti, $49.95)* - A more affordable hardcover edition of the stunning tour de force by James O'Barr. You may never get the chance to see the film... but the comic book series will be better anyway...

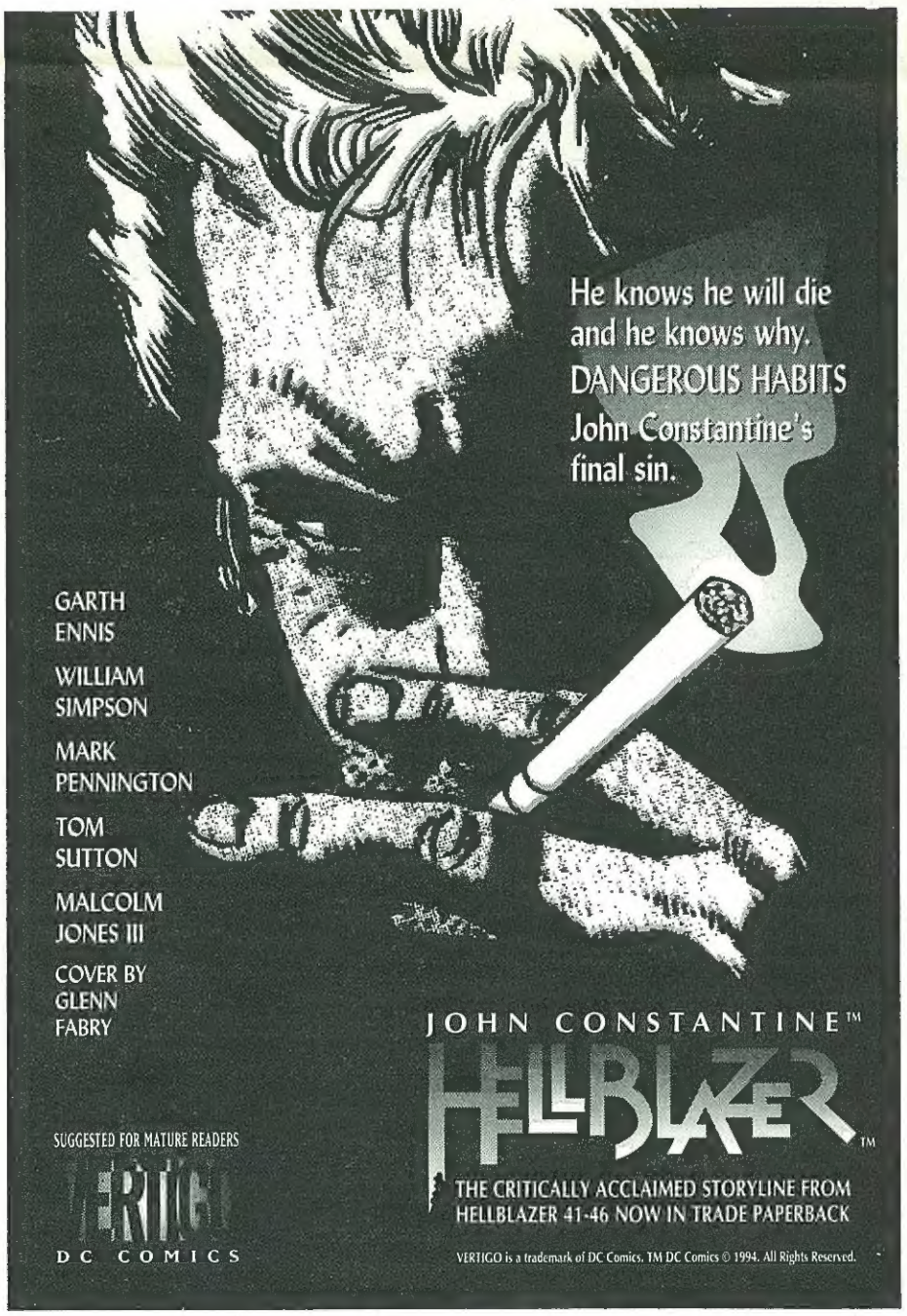
Hellraiser: Dangerous Sins TPB *(Vertigo/DC, $14.95)* - Forget Darkseid, Luthor, Mongul, and the rest: John Constantine takes on the most deadly villain of all when he tussles with the Big C... that's right, cancer!...

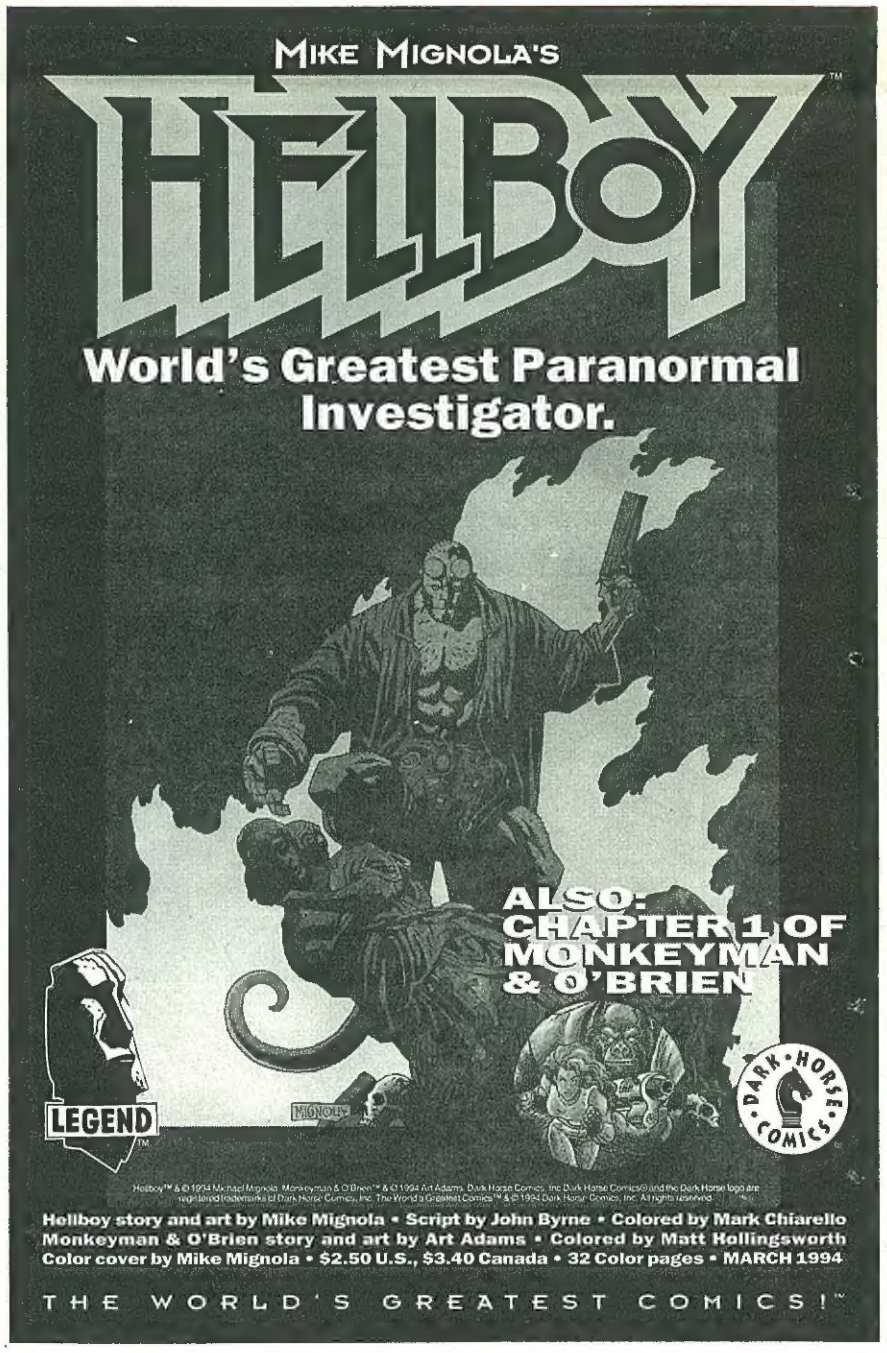
Love & Rockets Book 11: Wig Wam Bam TPB *(Fantagraphics, $14.95/$35/$39.95)* - A deluxe trade paperback reprinting a heaping helping of Jaime Hernandez stories focusing on his extensive cast of characters. Also available in signed and unsigned hardcover editions.

Tarzan Volume 6 HC *(NBM, $35/$69.95)* - This volume reprints the first Burne Hogarth work on Tarzan (also available in signed hardcover).

Warriors of Plasm TPB *(Defiant, $9.95)* - Reprints the first four issues of ***Warriors of Plasm,*** along with the ***Splatterbowl*** book, ***Plasm #0,*** and a few other surprises.

Wolverine: Weapon X TPB *(Marvel, $12.95)* - After being out of print for far, far too long, the Barry Windsor-Smith saga revealing some details about the origin of Wolverine is back in print, and in a more affordable format.

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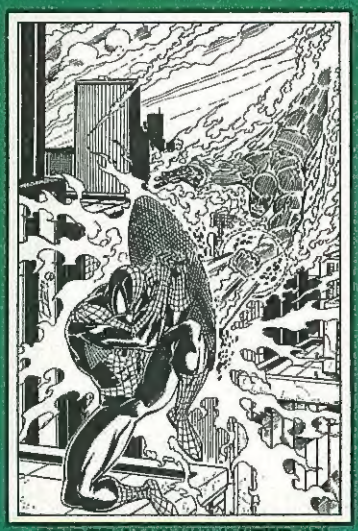

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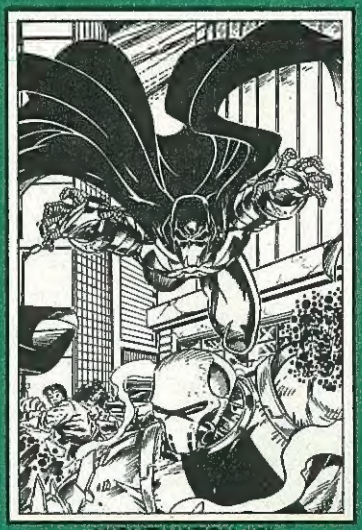

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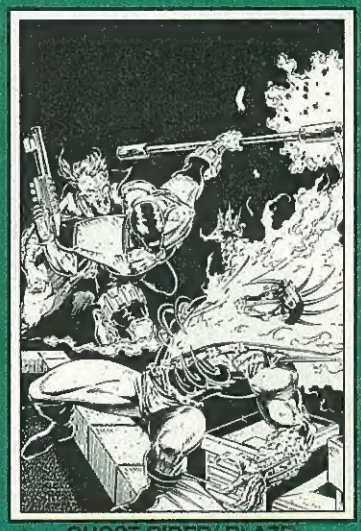

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